Punjab Government Gazette

Published by Authority

No. 14] CHANDIGARH, FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026 (CHAITRA 13, 1948 SAKA)

PART I

Punjab Government Notifications and Orders
GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF JAILS

(Jails Branch)

NOTIFICATION

The 14th February, 2024

No. 11/7/2024-2J/782865.-

Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in PIL-Writ Petition (Civil) 406 of 2013 regarding inhuman conditions in 1382 Jails passed orders on 06-02-2024. Para-6 and 7 of this order is reproduced as under:-

6) On carefully examining the information furnished in the complications and recommendations made by the learned Amicus Curine, we are of the opinion that it would be appropriate to issue directions to constitute a Committee in each District of the States/Union Territories to do the following :

(I) Assess the available infrastructure in Jails and take a decision on the number of additional jails to be constructed in the Districts:

(II) To assess the current capacity of the existing jails and requirement of constructing more jails or enhancing the capacity of existing jails to meet the standard laid down in the Model Prison Manual, 2016.

(III) Besides the above, the Committees shall also keep in mind the requirement of incorporating Artificial Intelligence and introducing video conferencing for conducting Mulakaats and tele-medicine facilities for each of the inmates.

7) Each State Government/Union Territory is directed to set up a Committee comprising of (1) Principal/District Judge (Chairperson of the District Legal Services Authority), (2) District Magistrate (In charge Administrative Head of the District on Executive Side), (3) Senior Superintendent/Superintendent of Police, (4) Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority and (5) Superintendent (s) of Jail. The said Committee shall be notified by the State Governments/Union Territories within one week from the date of receipt of this order. The Committees shall convene the first meeting within two weeks from the date of their constitution.

2. In pursuance of above orders, a committee is constituted by the Government with following members:-

(i) Principal/District Judge (Chairperson of the District Legal Services Authority);

(ii) District Magistrate (In charge Administrative Head of the District on Executive Side);

(iii) Concerned Senior Superintendent/ Superintendent of Police,

(iv) Secretary of the concerned District Legal Services Authority, and

(v) Superintendent of concerned Jail.

3. The Secretary of DLSA shall be the convener of Committee.

KUMAR RAHUL, IAS
Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Department of Jails

3676/3-2026/Pb. Govt. Press, S.A.S. Nagar